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FOR UNDERSECRETARY HABIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES,
S/IL GOOD, SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL

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SUBJ: ILO CONFERENCE AND SAUDI ARABIA PRINCE FAHD WASHINGTON VISIT

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1. I JOIN WITH REP TO ILO HOROWITZ IN RECOMMENDING THAT
SUBJECT OF ILO BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR MEETINGS DURING VISIT
OF PRINCE FAHD AND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON MAY 24-25. (THE TOPIC
MIGHT MOST APPROPRIATELY BE REVIEWED BY SECRETARY WITH FORMIN SAUD)

2. UNLESS SAUDI ARABIA CAN BE CONVINCED TO TAKE INITIATIVE,
TOGETHER WITH OTHER MODERATE ARAB COUNTRIES INCLUDING
EGYPT, WITHIN ARAB COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS NOW SCHEDULED
MAY 30 IN GENEVA, TO HAVE HANDLING OF ISRAELI USSUE
AT JUNE ILO CONFERENCE KEPT WITHIN ORGANIZATION'S
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PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES, POSITIONS PRESSED BY ALGERIA,
LYBIA, AND ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION (LED BY ALGERIAN)
WILL PREVAIL AS ARAB POSITION. SAME IS THE CASE WITH RESPECT
TO AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 (RESOLUTIONS) OF CONFERENCE
STANDING ORDERS.

3. SAUDI ARABIA LOOKS WITH CONCERN THAT US LEAVING ILO

WOULD PLACE USSR IN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN ORGANIZATION.
SAG MAY BE INDUCED TO SEEK MEANS OF AVOIDING
ACTIONS IN CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD TEND TO DRIVE US OUT OF
ORGANIZATION, PROVIDED ITS MIDDLE EAST CONCERNS CAN BE
SATISFIED IN THE CONFERENCE.

4. IF PRINCE FAHD IS CONVINCED THAT SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD
PLAY THE KIND OF ROLE WHICH WOULD HELP US REMAIN IN THE
ILO, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN
GENEVA BEFORE MAY 30 ARAB MEETING. HOROWITZ WILL BE
MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT AND KUWAIT UPON THEIR
ARRIVAL IN GENEVA AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SAUDI MINISTER
OF LABOR WILL ALSO BE ARRIVING SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE
MAY 30 MEETING.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INCLUDE IN SUBJECT PRESENTA-
TION THE SAUDI MIDDLE EAST CONCERNS CAN
EFFECTIVELY BE MET WITHIN EXISTING PROCEDURES:
DISCUSSION IN PLENARY OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON
SUBJECT; EXPERT COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS
REPORT TO CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDES QUESTIONS RAISED
WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CONCERNING ITS APPLICATION
OF CONVENTION III AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND WHICH MAY BE RAISED IN
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS; EVEN THE POSSIBLE
FILING OF A FORMAL COMPLAINT TO INVOKE INVESTIGATING
PROCEDURES. TO PRESS CONFERENCE TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION
WHICH WOULD REITERATE CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION,
NOT ONLY WOULD AGAIN VIOLATE PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES
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OF THE ILO, BUT WOULD BE THE LESS EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE.
IN ADDITION, ACCEPTANCE OF ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD
LIMIT RESOLUTIONS TO THOSE CONSISTENT WITH FINDINGS OF
EXISTING INVESTIGATIVE MACHINERY OF ILO IS NECESSARY
STEP TO PROTECT ORGANIZATION IN FUTURE. IN ADDITION TO
PRINCIPLES INVOLVED, IT STEERS ACTION IN DIRECTION WHERE
IMPACT IS MORE EFFECTIVE. ONLY THE FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INVESTIGATION CAN INVOKE THE FULL
WEIGHT OF THE ORGANIZATION TO IMPLEMENT SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS.
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